



**Dawn Tyler Lee**  
*President and CEO*

A change agent, strategist, relationship builder, thought partner, problem solver and proven and committed leader in public service, higher education and the nonprofit sector, Dawn Tyler Lee is the President and CEO of Forrest Street Consulting (FSC), a firm that specializes in helping grow leaders and helping leaders grow through coaching and training.

Dawn is a certified John Maxwell coach, trainer and speaker who thrives when she can support people in reaching their full potential. In addition to developing leaders, FSC provides interim leadership for organizations in leadership transition, executes and manages special projects and helps to introduce, acclimate and integrate African American professionals, and their families into the central Ohio community.

Prior to founding Forrest Street, Dawn served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Columbus, Ohio Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. There, she was the highest ranking African-American appointed official and was responsible for community engagement, diversity and inclusion, education and health – among others. While serving as Deputy Chief of Staff, Dawn assumed additional responsibilities when Mayor Ginther appointed her as the Interim Director of CelebrateOne, the city's initiative to reduce infant mortality. She served in that role for 9 months until a new leader was named. Dawn was also tapped by the Mayor to lead the city's first ever national search for its police chief.

Her impressive work history also includes Senior Vice President for Community Impact at United Way of Central Ohio, Founding Executive Director of Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), a community development collaborative with The Ohio State University, the City of Columbus and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Assistant Vice President for Government Relations and Assistant Vice President for Outreach and Engagement at The Ohio State University, Board Liaison for Columbus City Schools, Columbus City Council Legislative Aide and Housing Policy Director for the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.

Dawn has been featured in *Business First*, *Columbus Monthly Magazine*, *Columbus Alive!* and *Who's Who in Black Columbus*. She has received numerous awards including being named a YWCA *Woman of Achievement*. She is a graduate of the African-American Leadership Academy and the Harvard Business School Young Americans leadership Program. She earned her master's degree in urban affairs and public policy from the University of Delaware with a specialization in housing and community development and is a proud graduate of Hampton University.

Dawn's current board service includes the Community Shelter Board, African American Leadership Academy and she is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Dawn lives on the eastside of Columbus with her entrepreneur husband, Robert E. Lee III and their ornery puppy, Chiqui, a rescue from Puerto Rico.